The Embassy of the Russian Federation presents its compliments to the Secretariat of the International Seabed Authority (ISA) and, referring to the Latter’s Note № ISA/OLA/2018/113 dated March 26, 2018, has the honour to inform that at this stage activities for the development of mineral resources in the Area are regulated in Russia by the Decree of the President of November 22, 1994 No. 2099 "About activities of the Russian physical and legal entities for exploration and development of mineral resources of the seabed outside the continental shelf" and the Government Decree of April 25, 1995 No. 410 "About the procedure of activities of the Russian physical and legal entities for development of mineral resources of the seabed outside the continental shelf".

At present relevant Russian ministries and departments are undertaking analysis of the existing regulations and international treaties of the Russian Federation and other member states of the ISA in order to further develop a legal and regulatory framework with respect to the activities in the Area.

The Embassy avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Secretariat of the International Seabed Authority the assurances of its highest consideration.

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